

Remarks/Arguments:

The above Amendments and these Remarks are in reply to the Office Action mailed October 3, 2007.

Claims 1, 5, 14, 19-21, 31-35, 38-41 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

The claims have been amended as suggested by the examiner.

Claims 1-41 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Miron (U. S. Patent No.: 6,401,239).

Claims 14, 19 and 20 have been amended to concern setting each of multiple slave servers on the network to a current version. Updating the version of data in multiple slave servers to the same version in the manner claim in these claims, is not shown or made obvious in the cited prior art.

Claim 21, as amended, describes the transactional updating of multiple servers in a network. This is not shown or made obvious in the cited prior art.

Claims 31-35 describe selecting between one and two phase updating methods. This is not shown or made obvious in the cited prior art.

New independent claims 42, 49, 55 and 62 describe a system where, a second delta update is sent to a slave server if the slave server can not use a first delta update that was sent to the slave server. This is not shown or made obvious in the cited prior art.

In light of the above, it is respectfully submitted that all of the claims now pending in the subject patent application should be allowable, and a Notice of Allowance is requested. The Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned if they can assist in any way in expediting issuance of a patent.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any underpayment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 06-1325 for any matter in connection with this response, including any fee for extension of time, which may be required.

Respectfully submitted,

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